

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
February 17, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Caren Wilson, Marga Stone, Deborah Levy, April Jordan.

**Members Absent:** Stan Richardson, Michael Whipple, Bob Buchanan (excused), Patricia Kepler (excused), Bob Lidfors, Jamie Cloghessy.

**Guests:** Lieutenant Jim Monger, Beaverton Police Department.

**Committee Liaisons:** Councilor San Soucie had a recent visit to a 'The Bridge' (SW 141<sup>st</sup> and SW Allen Blvd.) an independent living complex for adults with developmental disabilities, and a meeting with the Board of The Bridge. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to the City Council on how this program creates opportunities for members of our community with developmental issues to live independently, but with the necessary support and assistance, and to ask that the Council support efforts (where possible) to create more projects like The Bridge.

The City Council is seeking 2 million dollars in Federal Grants in conjunction with a partnership with Providence to develop a senior housing complex in the downtown area.

There will be a Families for Independent Living forum at City Hall on April 11 at 6:30pm. Councilor San Soucie asked if the CDAC may want to get involved. The committee members in attendance expressed an interest. Councilor San Soucie will ask the sponsors what assistance the CDAC could provide.

**Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes:** April made a motion to approve the January, 2011 meeting minutes. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Reports:**

- Caren reported she has or will be in touch with members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Human Rights Advisory Commission as to common issues and resources the three committees can share.

**Old Business:**

- **Mental Health Client Training.** This was an item that past member Tony Guillen had added. Brad contacted (e-mailed) Tony for more information, but had not heard back as of this meeting. The Committee agreed to act on this item as information becomes available. Marga will contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness to see if there are similar opportunities for training from that organization.
- **City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities.** (Future)
- **Training Opportunities for Police Officers on how to Recognize and Deal with People with Mental Health Issues.** Lieutenant Jim Monger of the Beaverton Police

Department attended the meeting and provided information the training and resources available to police officers on dealing with people who may have mental health issues. Lt. Monger explained new police officer recruits attend a seven-week City Police Department (PD) orientation that covers the basics of all City PD policies and procedures (this includes information on encounters with persons who display odd behavior). The recruits then attend a sixteen-week State Police Academy that includes training and role playing on dealing with people who may have mental health issues. The City's police training manual includes a section on how to recognize and deal with these type issues. The manual also has resources outside of the Police department that can be used. IN addition, the City has some officers who have been specially trained in the area of dealing with people who display irrational and abnormal behavior (that could be mental health issues). The officers are called upon when needed.

- **City Visioning Advisory Committee (Partnerships with the CDAC).** Several of the committee members expressed an interest participating as support partners in this effort as follows: Marga on items #74 (Support Special Needs Education) and #87 (Awareness Campaign for Available Services); April for item #53 (Intersection Crossing Safety); Caren for item #15 (Create a Welcoming Community); and Deborah for item #74 (Support Special Needs Education). The City Visioning Committee will provide more information on support needs as the visioning process progresses.

#### New Business:

- **Choosing the 2011 Vice-chair.** Marga made a motion nominating Deborah Levey for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Caren seconded the motion. The motion passed, Deborah will serve as the Vice-Chairperson for 2011.
- **Committee Priorities for 2011.** A copy of Marga's draft over-view of the Committee's purpose, mission and past activities was handed out. The members were asked to review the handout as a basis for discussion at the next meeting to establish priorities for the 2011.
- April expressed her concern with aisles in mercantile businesses being blocked by merchandise and how to educate businesses to keep at least a 36-inch space.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2011